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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 203
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Beaux of the
1997 Beautillion Militaire on being honored by
the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should
pause to pay tribute to those noteworthy individuals and organizations whose accomplishments
bring pride and honor to the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, for almost a decade now, the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc., has
presented outstanding young African American men to the Memphis/Shelby County community
through the prestigious Beautillion Militaire; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc. was organized February 16,
1983, led by Charlotte Brooks Polk and known then as RARE (Radiating Attitudes of
Resourceful Efforts), its main purpose was to provide a means of addressing the needs of the
citizens in Memphis/Shelby County through coordinated efforts to enhance educational, cultural,
and civic development; and

WHEREAS, the group's original membership consisted of twenty-one service-oriented
women who represented professional expertise in varied fields and shared the goals and ideals
on which the organization was based; and

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WHEREAS, in order to expand the realm of its services, it became necessary for RARE to affiliate with a national organization that shared the same goals. As a result, the group was inducted into The Links, Inc. as the Shelby County Chapter on February 23, 1985; and

WHEREAS, through its implementation of such programs as Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, The Arts, and International Trends and Services, the Shelby County Chapter has become a viable instrument for progress in the Memphis Community; and

WHEREAS, as a part of its Services to Youth Program, the Chapter adopted Double Tree Elementary School and the Jessie Mahan Day Care Center. The organization has sponsored career awareness field trips, workshops on drug and alcohol abuse for youth groups and parents, and provided cultural activities for the students at Double Tree; and

WHEREAS, the men of the Beautillion exemplify a high level of achievement from an Academic, Aesthetic and Athletic Perspective; and

WHEREAS, in April 1987, the Chapter presented the first annual Beautillion Militaire for outstanding young men in Memphis high schools; and

WHEREAS, the proud young men of the 1997 Beautillion Militaire are survivors and achievers; and

WHEREAS, they are: Beau Thomas R. Booker III, Senior, Germantown High School, son of Thomas, Jr. and Janice Booker; Beau Marcus Branch, Senior, Germantown High School, son of Ralph, Jr. and Joyce Branch; Beau Otha Leon Brandon III, Senior, White Station High School, son of Otha and Teri Brandon; Beau Michael Brown Jr., Senior, Overton High School, son of Bernard, Sr. and Audrey Brown; Beau Christopher Bynote, Senior, Kirby High School, son of Gwen Johnson; Beau Calvin V. Casey, Senior, Whitehaven High School, son of Cap, Jr. and Bobbie Casey; Beau Justin Clark, Senior, Kirby High School, son of James and Dora Clark; Beau Mishone Donelson, Senior, East High School, son of Michael Ward and Sharon Donelson; Beau Travis C. Farris, Senior, East High School, son of Robert, Sr. and Herdy Farris; Beau Eric E. Freeman, Senior, Central High School, son of Charles and Bobbie Freeman; Beau Luis

Guerrero, Senior, Whitehaven High School, grandson of Calestine Williams; Beau Marquis A. Harris, Senior, Southside High School, son of Sharon Harris Walker; Beau Justin B. Hayes, Senior, East High School, son of Eddie and Ruthie Hayes; Beau Brian Hill, Senior, Whitehaven High School, son of Eddie and Delilah Hill; Beau Darien Jones, Senior, Central High School, son of Albert and Vera Jones; Beau Melvin McCuin Jones, Senior, Kirby High School, son of Gwendolyn and Charles Jackson and Rev. John and Mrs. Janice Jones; Beau Richard D. Jones II, Senior, Houston High School, son of Richard and Bettye Jones; Beau Brain D. Madison, Senior, Craigmont High School, son of Willie and Lois Madison; Beau Jeoffrey B. Robinson, Senior, Central High School, son of Charlie and Marsha Robinson; Beau Jon-Michael Robinson, Senior, Central High School, son of Charlie and Marsh Robinson; Beau Jason D. Terrell, Senior, Memphis Catholic High School, son of Douglas and Beverly Terrell; Beau Corey A. Washington, Senior, Whitestation High School, son of Dr. Wesley Jones and Gwendolyn Washington Jones; Beau Cary C. Woods, Senior, Whitestation High School, son of Attorney Cary Woods and Dr. Carolyn Woods; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to recognize those fine young people who, through their high sense of morals and concern for others, make a significant contribution to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize the Beaux being inducted into the 1997 Beautillion Militaire for their excellence and achievement as contributors to this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to these fine young men our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also commend the Shelby County Chapter of The Links, Inc. for their commitment to youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.